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Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please make the paragraph substitutions indicated in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Amended Specification Paragraphs.

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Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 5:

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-Statement Regarding Government Rights

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This invention was made with Government support under Contract F30602-97-C-0245 awarded by the Air Force. The Government has certain rights in this invention.--

When the Examiner takes up the above-identified application for the first Office Action, consideration of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

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